

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 885

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A RESOLUTION to recognize and honor Roger Lewis,
Superintendent of Smith County Schools, on the
occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize, particularly on the occasion of their retirement, those outstanding school administrators who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, one such outstanding individual is Roger Lewis, who will take a much deserved retirement from Smith County Schools on June 30, 2014, where he has served as Superintendent since 2000; and

WHEREAS, during his illustrious education career, Mr. Lewis served as a sixth grade teacher and basketball coach at Forks River Elementary School from 1973 to 1979, as a seventh and eighth grade language arts and social studies teacher and Principal at Forks River Elementary School from 1979 to 1984, and as Principal of Smith County High School from 1984 to 2000; and

WHEREAS, Roger Lewis served his country as a member of the Tennessee National Guard from 1971 to 1977; and

WHEREAS, Roger Lewis received an associate's degree from Cumberland College, a bachelor's degree from Middle Tennessee State University, and a master's degree from Tennessee Technological University; and

WHEREAS, a devout man of faith, Roger Lewis is a member of Carthage United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, Roger Lewis is the proud parent of Abby Shivers and husband, Tim, and Betsy Pierucki and husband, Matt, and the devoted grandfather of Taylor Shivers, Emily Shivers, Emma Pierucki, and Mey Pierucki; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Roger Lewis has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his students, parents, teachers, and school board alike; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby extend to Roger Lewis our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement, applaud his dedication to the students of Tennessee, and wish him much happiness and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.